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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Box AF Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respond to the Official Action mailed on May 16, 2002 (paper no. 14), the response to which is filed herewith. Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period for response will expire on November 16, 2002.

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10/24/02 THU 11:35 In a response to the to the May 16, 2002 office action filed on September 19, 2002, Applicant paid a two-month extension fee of \$200. That response resulted in an Advisory Action mailed October 2, 2002 (paper no. 17).

Applicant is a small entity; the total extension fee due with the accompanying Notice of Appeal is therefore \$460. Applicant therefore authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 50-0573 in the amount of \$260 to cover the difference between the extension fee due with the accompanying Response and the extension fee previously paid. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional extension fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account no. 50-0573. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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